

# Lost Continent



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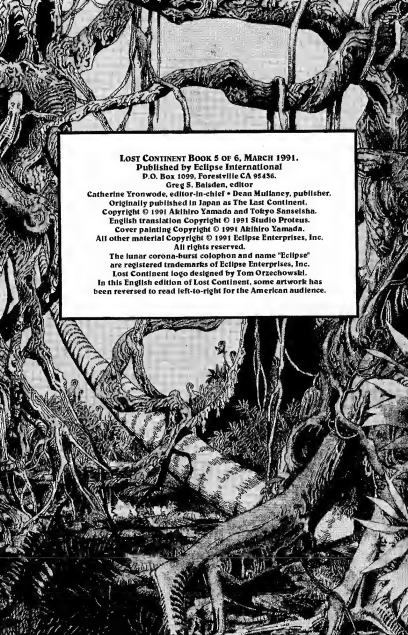


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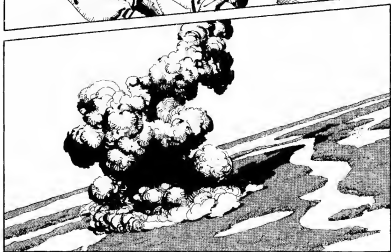
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IT'S  
TIME  
TO  
GO.

"TIME  
TO  
GO"  
...?

WHERE  
?



TO THE  
CAPITAL  
OF OUR  
KING-  
DOM.



IF WE USE THIS  
TUNNEL, IT'S NOT  
FAR. ON KWOKUR  
AND KWOTEK'S  
WINGS, IT WILL BE  
LESS THAN HALF  
A DAY'S  
JOURNEY.



GEEZ ...  
DO WE  
HAVE  
TO RIDE  
ON THESE  
GUYS  
AGAIN...  
?

I'M SORRY,  
BUT WE HAVE  
NO CHOICE --  
THE AIRSHIP IS  
NO LONGER  
OF ANY USE  
TO US.

UP ON THE SURFACE,  
WE COULD NEVER  
BUILD AN AIRSHIP  
THAT CAN FLY FROM  
JAPAN TO THE  
NORTH POLE IN  
JUST A FEW HOURS--  
WHAT A SHAME  
TO HAVE IT  
DESTROYED!



NO,  
IT'S  
BETTER  
THIS  
WAY.



BETTER  
THAT IT  
BE DE-  
STROYED  
?

WHY  
IS  
THAT?



THE SHIP WAS A  
WEAPON LEFT HERE BY  
THE COUNCIL OF  
TRUSTEES. IT IS SAID  
TO HAVE LAIN IN THE  
JUNGLE FOR  
12,000 YEARS.



THE  
FUEL IT  
ONCE USED  
WAS LONG  
GONE, AND SO  
IT MOVED  
ONLY BY  
OUR OWN  
SORCERY.

IF WE LEAVE  
IT TO ROT  
THERE WHERE  
IT LIES, THE  
JUNGLE SHOULD  
EVENTUALLY  
RECLAIM  
IT.





WHAT A  
PLACE,  
PROFESSOR

!

IT'S A  
REAL  
MAZE!



THE LIMESTONE  
IN THESE  
CAVERNS  
HAS AN  
ODD,  
SPONGY  
TEXTURE...

BUT  
THERE'S  
SOME-  
THING  
THAT  
SURPRISES  
ME EVEN  
MORE...

SOMETHING  
SURPRISES  
YOU?

Hmm?

Er...  
NEVER  
MIND.  
Heh, heh...

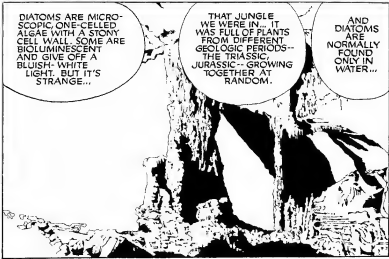
LOOK HOW BRIGHT  
THIS CAVE IS...  
FULL OF STRANGE  
BLUE LIGHT.  
DON'T YOU THINK  
THAT'S ODD?

WELL,  
NOW  
THAT  
YOU  
MENTION  
IT...

THE OLD JAPANESE  
LEGEND "THE MIRROR OF  
AZUMA" INCLUDES A  
STORY ABOUT THE WAR-  
LORD NITTA TADATSUME  
EXPLORING A CAVE AT THE  
FOOT OF MT. FUJI. IT SAYS  
THAT ACROSS AN UNDER-  
GROUND STREAM, HE SAW  
THE FIGURE OF A  
GLOWING BLUE  
GOD...

YOU THINK  
THERE'S A  
CONNECTION  
...?

MAYBE  
SO. THESE  
WALLS ARE  
PROBABLY  
COATED  
WITH LIVING  
DIATOMS.



DIATOMS ARE MICROSCOPIC, ONE-CELLED ALGAE WITH A STONY CELL WALL. SOME ARE BIOLUMINESCENT AND GIVE OFF A BLUISH-WHITE LIGHT. BUT IT'S STRANGE...

THAT JUNGLE WE WERE IN... IT WAS FULL OF PLANTS FROM DIFFERENT GEOLOGIC PERIODS-- THE TRIASSIC, JURASSIC-- GROWING TOGETHER AT RANDOM.

AND DIATOMS ARE NORMALLY FOUND ONLY IN WATER...



WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT?

MAYBE NOTHING ...

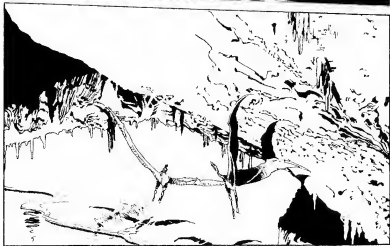


... BUT I'M BEGINNING TO GET THE DISTINCT FEELING THAT ALL THIS IS ACTUALLY THE WORK OF MAN.



HOW  
MUCH  
FARTHER  
?

WE'RE  
ALMOST  
THERE! SEE  
THAT LIGHT  
UP AHEAD  
?









A  
DORUK?!  
HERE  
?!

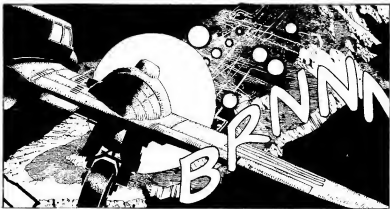












IS  
ANYONE  
HERE?!

VERY  
STRANGE...

WELL,  
WELL,  
WELL

SO YOU  
MADE IT  
HOME  
SAFE AND  
SOUND,  
DID  
YOU?

PROFESSOR!  
THAT'S HIM!  
THE MAN  
WHO WAS  
WATCHING  
US FROM  
THE CLIFF-  
TOP!

PRIEST  
BACHAK!  
WHAT IS THE  
MEANING  
OF THIS?  
WHY IS  
THERE  
NO ONE  
HERE TO  
GREET  
US?





UNFORTUNATELY,  
YOUR HIGHNESS,  
THERE IS NO ONE  
LEFT IN THE  
CAPITAL WHO  
REGARDS YOU  
AS QUEEN  
ANYMORE.

I  
SEE  
...


AND  
IS THAT  
WHY YOU  
CUT OFF  
OUR SHIP'S  
POWER  
AND  
ATTACKED  
US WITH  
THE  
DORUK?



IT IS  
BECAUSE  
YOU  
HAVE  
BROUGHT  
THIS MAN  
BACK  
WITH  
YOU!

HE WAS  
SUMMONED  
BY  
**BALAAM  
KUK,**  
THE  
WISE  
ONE!

BUT  
HE IS  
FROM THE  
**SURFACE**  
!!



HOW MUCH  
OF OUR PEOPLE'S  
BLOOD HAS  
BEEN SPILLED  
BECAUSE  
OF THESE  
SURFACE  
BARBARIANS  
?!



YOU  
WILL  
UNDER-  
STAND  
WHEN  
WE  
MEET  
WITH  
**BALAAM  
KUK.**

THAT ANCIENT  
PRIEST? HE  
IS NOTHING  
MORE THAN  
A LEGEND--  
HE'S LAIN  
DEAD THESE  
HUNDREDS  
OF YEARS!

YOU'RE  
WRONG.

HE  
LIVES  
STILL.



VERY  
WELL--  
THEN  
I'LL GO  
SEE FOR  
MYSELF.

BUT YOU'LL  
HAVE TO  
LEAVE  
THESE  
TWO  
LIZARD-MEN  
HERE. IT'S FOR  
YOUR OWN  
GOOD, SO YOU  
DON'T TRY  
ANYTHING RASH.

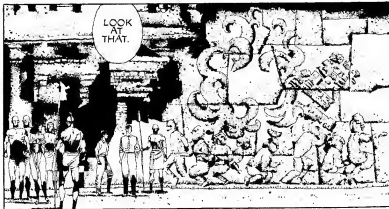


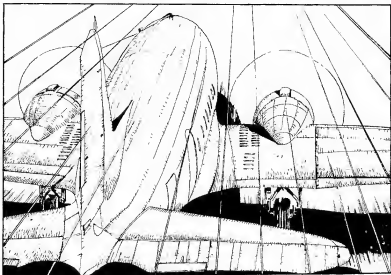
WHAT  
IS IT,  
PROFESSOR  
?

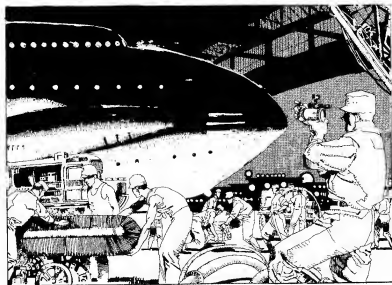
Hmm...

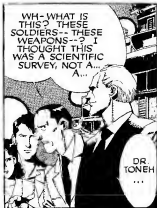


LOOK  
AT  
THAT.











AN  
ANCIENT  
COVENANT--  
TWELVE  
THOUSAND  
YEARS  
OLD.



IT-IT'S  
JUST  
LIKE  
THE OLD  
MAP MY  
FATHER  
HAD--!



YOUR  
FATHER HAD  
ONE OF TWO  
COPIES--  
THE ONE  
ORIGINALLY  
KEPT BY  
THE SUB-  
TERRANEANS.

IT WAS LOST  
THOUSANDS  
OF YEARS AGO,  
AND APPARENTLY  
FOUND ITS WAY  
TO THE SURFACE  
DURING A  
PERIOD OF  
GEOLOGIC  
UPHEAVAL  
IN ASIA.



SO NOW  
THAT YOU  
HAVE BOTH  
OF THEM,  
WHAT WILL  
YOU DO?

ISN'T IT  
OBVIOUS?  
A CONTRACT  
IS IN FORCE  
ONLY AS  
LONG AS  
BOTH SIDES  
HAVE A  
COPY.



THIS  
CONTRACT  
IS NOW  
VOID.



IS  
THAT A  
DECLAR-  
ATION OF WAR,  
THEN?



THE WORLD  
IS FULL OF  
LEGENDS  
OF FALLEN  
EMPIRES...  
SURELY  
YOU'VE  
HEARD OF  
SOME OF  
THEM.

LEMURIA,  
MU, ATLANTIS,  
THE UIGHURS...  
EVERY ONE  
AN ANCIENT  
CIVILIZATION  
THAT COLLAPSED  
OVERNIGHT AT  
THE HEIGHT  
OF ITS  
GLORY.

"TIME AND AGAIN, THE PEOPLE OF THE SURFACE AND THOSE FROM BELOW HAVE FOUGHT EACH OTHER FOR SUPREMACY.

"AND TIME AND AGAIN, THEY HAVE TRIED TO MAKE PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER AND PREVENT FURTHER STRIFE. BUT ON THREE OCCASIONS, THE SUBTERRANEANS UNLEASHED THEIR GUARDIAN DEITY, ASUU, AND RAVAGED THE SURFACE. THEY UTTERLY WIPE OUT SEVERAL OF OUR PREHISTORIC CIVILIZATIONS."

THEIR GUARDIAN DEITY ?

FIRE.

"BUT NOT LIKE THE FIREBALL OF A NUCLEAR BOMB--IT'S THE FIRE OF *SORCERY*. ONCE UNLEASHED, IT WILL INEVITABLY REDUCE THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF THE EARTH TO ASHES..."

"TWELVE THOUSAND YEARS AGO, BOTH SIDES MADE A COVENANT.

"THE SURFACE PEOPLE PROMISED NOT TO ATTACK, AND THE SUBTERRANEAN PEOPLE PROMISED NOT TO VENTURE FROM THE PART OF THE WORLD COVERED BY THE SEAL ON THIS MAP.

"OVER THE COURSE OF A MILLENNIUM, THIS AREA-- THE NORTH POLE-- WAS EVENTUALLY COVERED BY ICE.

"AND THE EXISTENCE OF THE SUB-TERRANEAN WORLD WAS FORGOTTEN.

"BUT BOTH SIDES, FEARING THAT THE COVENANT WOULD BE BROKEN, HAD ALSO PLEDGED TO PRODUCE INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD RENEW IT IN THE FUTURE.

"THE DESTINY OF THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS WAS PREDETERMINED. THEY WOULD BE FRIENDS, TO ENSURE THE SPEEDY RATIFICATION OF THE CONTRACT WHEN THE TIME CAME."

THOSE TWO ARE MYSELF AND HAZEKURA.

WH-WHAT ?!!

BUT THIS BALANCE WAS DESTROYED WHEN HAZEKURA PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED HIS HOLLOW EARTH THEORY.

NOW THE SUB-TERRANEAN PEOPLE WILL NO DOUBT UNLEASH ASUU AGAIN.

AND HAZEKURA WILL HAVE DESTROYED THE WORLD.







DON'T  
WORRY.  
IT WON'T  
ATTACK.



D-DID  
YOUR  
PALS  
CONJURE  
THAT UP  
TOO?



NO.  
IT'S AN  
AUTHENTIC  
CREATURE  
OF THE  
JURASSIC.



MAY  
I ASK  
YOU  
SOME-  
THING?



I DON'T  
KNOW WHO  
OR WHAT  
"BALAAM KUK"  
IS, BUT WHY  
IS HE BURIED  
OUT IN THE  
MIDDLE  
OF THE  
JUNGLE?

AREN'T  
THE REMAINS  
OF ALL THE  
SUCCESSIVE  
GENERATIONS  
OF HIGH  
PRIESTS  
NORMALLY  
KEPT IN THE  
TEMPLE  
SEPOLCHER?

OUR LEGEND SAYS THAT BALAAM KUK BECAME IMMORTAL WHEN HE LOOKED UPON ASUU TWELVE THOUSAND YEARS AGO. THEREFORE HE WAS NOT TRULY DEAD, AND COULD NOT BE BURIED WITH THE OTHER PRIESTS. HE HAD TO BE HIDDEN AWAY IN A SECRET PLACE.



BUT EVEN THOUGH HE WAS IMMORTAL, HE WASN'T TREATED LIKE A SACRED BEING...

I WONDER WHY...?



I BELIEVED THE LEGEND, SO WHEN BACHAK WAS APPOINTED HIGH PRIEST A YEAR AGO, I CAME HERE AND SOUGHT GUIDANCE FROM THE WISE ONE.











AIR-  
PLANE  
FROM THE  
SURFACE  
?!

KIRINO  
?!

YES, THE  
PLANE  
LANDED  
NEAR THE  
PALACE AND  
THE CREW  
BEGAN  
EXPLORING  
AROUND.



THE PEOPLE  
ROSE UP  
AND  
CLAMORED  
FOR THE  
AWAKENING  
OF ASUU.  
THEY KILLED  
EVERY-  
ONE ON  
BOARD.

AS FOR  
THE MAN  
KIRINO,  
THE WISE  
ONE SAW  
THAT HE  
MEANT  
NO HARM  
AND  
RESCUED  
HIM.



I- I  
KNOW  
NOTHING  
OF  
THIS...



SO  
YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
WHO KILLED  
THE CREW  
OF THE  
SHIRASE?!

NOW,  
NOW...  
CALM  
DOWN,  
LAD.



YOU KNOW  
NOTHING  
OF ASUU,  
DO YOU,  
YOUNG  
PRIEST-  
LING?



O HOLY  
ASUU... THE  
OMNIPOTENT...  
HE IS THE  
SUN TO ALL  
WHO LIVE  
IN THE  
WORLD  
BELOW--

HE'S  
THE  
FIRE  
OF  
HATRED  
!!



ASUU IS A FLAME  
CREATED BY THE  
SORCERY OF HATE-  
FUL MEN LIKE YOU!  
HE WILL BURN US ALL!  
HE WILL REDUCE THE  
WORLD TO ASHES!

WHEN THIS  
PLANET HAS  
BECOME A  
CINDER, THE MOON  
WILL BE NEXT! HE  
WILL FLY TO THE  
MOON AND CON-  
SUME IT TOO! HIS  
IS A FLAME THAT  
CANNOT BE  
EXTINGUISHED  
FOR ALL  
ETERNITY!!



KILL  
HIM!



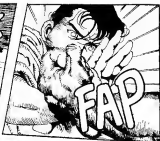
LOOK  
OUT  
!!



CHOK







DR.  
HATEKURA  
!

PROFESSOR!  
ARE YOU  
ALL  
RIGHT?!

MY, MY!  
THAT GAVE MY  
HEART QUITE A  
FRIGHT--A  
SHRIVELLED  
OLD HEART,  
TRUE, BUT  
IT'S ALL I'VE  
GOT.



NOW THEN,  
YOUR HIGHNESS.  
HURRY BACK TO  
THE CAPITOL. THAT  
DAMNED PRIEST  
WILL STIR UP  
THE PEOPLE AND  
BREAK THE  
SEALS OF  
ASUL.



YES,  
WISE  
ONE.



MAN OF  
THE SURFACE,  
I HAVE  
SOMETHING  
TO SAY  
TO YOU,  
TOO.

YOU,  
WHO KNEW  
OF OUR  
WORLD WITH  
NONE TO  
TEACH YOU,  
HAVE A TRULY  
GREAT AND  
MYSTERIOUS  
DESTINY.



I HAVE  
SURVIVED  
ALL THESE  
YEARS SO  
I COULD  
SPEAK  
TO YOU  
OF SUCH  
THINGS...



BUT  
NOW YOU  
SEEM TO  
BE IN THE  
HANDS OF  
A POWER  
GREATER  
THAN  
MINE.

SO GO,  
AND  
DO  
WHAT  
YOU  
WILL.

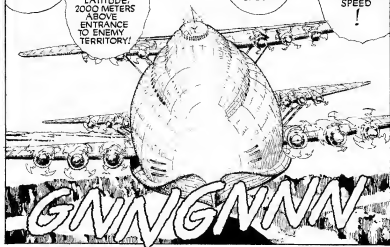


GIVE  
ME OUR  
CURRENT  
LOCATION,  
SAILOR.

SIR!  
CURRENT  
POSITION IS  
89 DEGREES  
NORTH  
LATITUDE,  
2000 METERS  
ABOVE  
ENTRANCE  
TO ENEMY  
TERRITORY!

GOOD.  
ENGINE  
ROOM,  
PROCEED AT  
MINIMUM  
SPEED.

ENGINE  
ROOM!  
STEADY  
AT  
MINIMUM  
SPEED  
!



COMMANDER  
MIZUSHIMA!  
MESSAGE FROM  
COUNCIL HEAD-  
QUARTERS! READS  
AS FOLLOWS: "WE  
PRAY FOR YOUR  
SAFETY AND  
SUCCESS IN  
BATTLE.  
OVER."



I  
DON'T  
PRAY...



...TO  
ANY-  
ONE.







FANTASTIC!  
SIMPLY  
FANTASTIC! TO  
THINK THAT  
UNDER THE  
NORTH POLE WE  
WOULD FIND  
SUCH IMMENSE  
CAVERNS,  
OR THIS  
PRIMEVAL  
FOREST!

DO YOU  
SEE  
THE  
TUNNEL  
AT  
THREE  
O'CLOCK  
?

YES-  
SIR!



THAT'S  
THE  
ROUTE  
WE MUST  
TAKE TO  
INVADE  
THEIR  
CAPITAL  
!

WHAT?  
BUT IT'S TOO  
NARROW  
FOR THIS  
SHIP  
TO FLY  
THROUGH  
!











WE REPEAT,  
ABANDON YOUR  
CAPITAL AND  
SURRENDER  
IMMEDIATELY!  
THIS IS  
YOUR ONLY  
WARNING!



COMMANDER!  
THE NATIVES  
SHOW NO  
SIGNS OF  
SURRENDER-  
ING!



COMMANDER  
!!

**SNEAK  
ATTACK  
FROM  
OVER-  
HEAD  
!!**



**IT'S  
THE  
PTERO-  
DACTYL  
CLAN  
!!**



READY  
ALL  
GUNS FOR  
FIRING  
AT POINT  
BLANK  
RANGE.

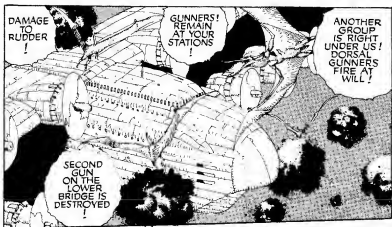
**FIRE!!**



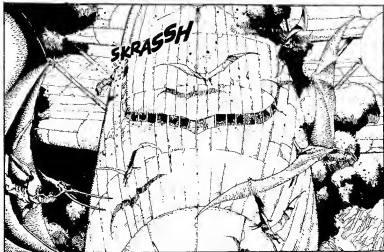


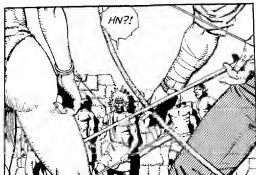
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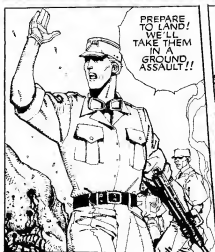












TO BE CONCLUDED...

Next month in  
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## 1943: The World At War

The Imperial Japanese Aleutian campaign against Soviet Russia launches the Shirase exploratory mission to find a legendary lost Arctic nation—but the expedition vanishes without trace...

## 1956: Peacetime Japan

The Shirase suddenly reappears, with documents alluding to a lost continent. Intent on finding the truth, journalist Naruse teams with archaeologist Hazeura—an organizer of the ill-fated Shirase expedition—to uncover important clues to the lost land.

As pterodactyls attack Tokyo from the sky, a mysterious princess kidnaps Professor Hazeura and the cub reporter Hinata, taking them to an ancient civilization hidden beneath the Arctic.

What are the secrets of the 12,000-year-old wise man Balaam Kuk, and what is the mission of the mysterious cabal known as the Council of Trustees?

Amidst a growing war between those above and those below, the fire demon Asuu may hold the only power that can protect the enigmatic...

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